And I would like to tell the hon. Member the present position of that. The draft Note has been circulated on the 28th January, 1991. And the final Note has to be issued.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over. Papers to be laid on the Table.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**New adventure package by the ITDC in Madhya Pradesh**

*345. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, recently ITDC in its new adventure package in the tented camp at Narwar in the Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh gave a new dimension to tourism in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have earned any profit from this package and what are the details of investment and earnings therefrom; and

(d) whether Government intend to promote tented camps at other places in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The India Tourism Development Corporation has introduced an adventure package tour based on tented accommodation at Narwar as an experiment to develop new tourist destination in backward and remote areas. The package tour includes facilities of tented accommodation, food and transport and makes provision for various adventure sports.

(c) Government supports such adventure camps purely as promotional ventures and does not expect to earn any profits from them.

(d) Yes, Sir.

**Nepal Prime Minister's visit to India**

*346. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent visit of the Nepalese Prime Minister will streng then cooperation between two countries; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of the Prime Minister G. P. Koirala of Nepal to India from December 5-10-1991, extensive and oroductive discussions were held on a wide range of issues of mutual interest. This visit was preceded by the meeting of the Indo-Nepal Joint Commission, chaired by me and the Nepalese Co-Chairman. Shri Maheshwar Prasad Singh. On December 4 and 5, 1991. The report of the Joint Commission was a major input for the talks between the two Prime Ministers and their delegations. A number of Treaties and Agreements—an Indo-Nepal Treaty of Trade, an Indo-Nepal Treaty of Transit, an Agreement for Cooperation in Controlling Unauthorised Trade, a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in Agriculture and a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of the B.P. Koirala India-Nepal Foundation—were signed during the visit. The Trade Treaty contains several new facilities and concessions meant to promote Nepalese exports to India, and the new Transit Treaty has considerably simplified customs and other procedures. Both sides have committed themselves to cooperating fully to control the growing scourge of smuggling which seriously affects the Indian economy. A number of Key decisions were also taken concerning various hydel projects and other aspects of cooperation in water resources development, the sector with the maximum potential for substantially benefitting both the countries. Special attention was paid to promoting Indo-Nepal joint ventures—including a particularly favourable access regime to the Indian market for the products of approved joint ventures with a view to assisting the industrial development of Nepal. A number of new Indian aid projects were also identified, in the fields of public health, communications and telecommunications. Concrete steps were identified for promoting cooperation in civil aviation and tourism. Both Governments have thus prepared the ground for ushering in new era in mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation.

**Pollution check of vehicles**

*347. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution check of vehicles started some time back has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the period for which the pollution check remained in force in Delhi and the number of vehicle checked and found polluting; and

(d) whether DTC and the other Government vehicles were also checked and if so, the number of vehicles checked and found polluting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Pollution checking of vehicles is being done in Delhi from December, 1987. Since then, about 8.09 lakhs vehicles have been checked upto October, 1991 and 2.52 lakhs vehicles were found to exceed prescribed levels.

(d) During the period April, 1990 to October, 1991, 6094 DTC vehicles and 745 Government Vehicles were checked. 2512 DTC vehicles and 485 Government vehicles were found exceeding the prescribed levels.

**Modernisation package for British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur**

*348. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed a Rs. 53 crore Modernisation package for British India Corporation Limited, Kanpur; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the package including the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Textiles has proposed a provision of Rs. 53.00 crores towards modernisation of the British India Corporation Ltd. group of companies as a part of its proposals for the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97). The company-wise details are as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

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| British India Corporation Ltd. | 24.00 |
| Elgin Mills Company Ltd. | 22.00 |
| Cawnpore Textiles Ltd. | 7.00 |

The main objectives of the proposal are replacement of obsolete plant and machinery for spinning, weaving and processing improvement in services and utilities for continued upgradation in quality of the product and for better per unit realisation.

**Non-Functioning of Vital Instruments at the Calcutta Airport**

*349. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain Vital instruments monitoring the arrival and departure of aircrafts at Calcutta airport either do not function or are defective thereby endangering their safe landing;

(b) whether Government have made any Inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the result thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Vital Radio and Navigational equipment in the form of approach and terminal aids as per ICAO guidelines for safe operation of aircraft have been functioning all the time at Calcutta airport.

(b) to (d) The National Airports Authority had investigated the allegations made in this matter in certain news reports. It was found that while some of the allegations were not true, corrective action was required in certain other cases. The requisite action has been initiated.